CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

ITEM # 9

JULY 2003 AGENDA

SUBJECT	X	ACTION
No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act: Teacher requirements ("Highly Qualified Teacher"), including but not limited to, Proposed Title 5	X	INFORMATION
Regulations.		PUBLIC HEARING

Recommendation:

Approve proposed regulations, if necessary, that implement the definition for meeting the NCLB teacher requirements approved in concept by the Board in June, for 45-day public comment and review.

Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action

At its June meeting, the Board adopted a proposal in concept that would implement the NCLB Teacher Requirements in California, and directed staff to seek technical assistance from the United States Department of Education (USDE) to ensure that the proposal meets all the federal requirements. After receiving advice from the USDE, staff was directed to bring the proposal, with any revisions, and regulations, if necessary, back to the Board in July for further action.

Summary of Key Issue(s)

The staff of the State Board of Education (SBE), the Office of the Secretary of Education (OSE), the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC), and the California Department of Education (CDE) have been working for over a year to develop a definition by which California could meet the Teacher Requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act (also known as the Highly Qualified Teacher requirement). The effort has been to meld the requirement of this new federal law with California's existing teacher preparation and credentialing process, and produce a new system that is as transparent to teachers and administrators as possible while still adhering to the new standards required by NCLB.

SBE staff is currently reviewing the proposal approved by the Board in concept at its June meeting with the United States Department of Education. Once those conversations are completed, SBE staff will determine if any revisions to the proposal are required and draft proposed regulations as necessary. Any revisions and regulations will be provided in the supplemental agenda.

Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate)

N/A

Attachment(s)

The Proposed Regulations, The Initial Statement of Reasons and the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking will be provided in the supplemental agenda.